



## Bear Tracks

Cue up the "damsel in distress" music for this one ... except, well, it isn't a damsel, and, uh, he isn't in distress. Yet.

While on a tour of an old copper mine in Alaska, our photographer approached a sign that was posted a mere fifteen minutes earlier. It read "Bear in building. Do not enter or loiter in area." Perty good motivation to keep moving along, if you ask me. And yet, a couple of in-duh-viduals decided to stage a shot. As he described it, "It was of one guy lying on the rail tracks pretending to be tied up. Oh, and next to the guy lying down is ... yes ladies and gentlemen ... a plastic bag of munchies. Or bear appetizers, whatever you feel like calling them." Ah, heck, why not just shove an apple in the guy's mouth and ring the dinner bell?

When others pointed the sign out, the two bear-sized morsels said "We don't see any bears." O.K. just stop right there. I wonder how many people died moments after they read a warning sign and proceeded anyway because they didn't "see" anything dangerous. Incidents involving flammable gas, rip-currents, and land mines come to mind as good examples. Folks, warning signs are there to make you aware of dangers that may not be completely visible. Read 'em and heed 'em.

As it turns out, the guys got their picture without incident. Even fools can be lucky sometimes. As far as our photographer is concerned, he said "I only loitered only long enough for my digital to autofocus to take their picutre and skedaddled out of the area."